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Dear Interested Parties:

The Manti-La Sal National Forest (NF) and the Moab and Monticello Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have received a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) application to conduct guided All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) tours on existing roads and trails throughout San Juan County from September 25 – 27, 2003. The SRP was submitted by the San Juan ATV Safari and City of Monticello, Utah. The Monticello Field Office will be the lead agency for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for this permit request.

While on public lands, ATV use will be limited to routes in the Manti-La Sal National Forest Travel Plan or to existing roads and trails. This event will have a maximum of 350 participants. Maximum group size will be 15 riders plus a minimum of 2 guides per group. ATV groups will be led by trail guides from staging areas set up in the cities of Monticello and Blanding to assigned trailheads.

SRPs are authorizations from BLM which allow for specific, nonexclusive, permitted recreational uses of the public lands and related waters. They may be issued as a means to control visitor use, protect recreation resources, and as a mechanism to accommodate specific commercial recreational use.

Notification of this proposal was placed on the Environmental Notification Bulletin Board on March 28, 2003. If you wish to receive a copy of the EA or for information or comments regarding this proposal, please contact Dave Himmerich at the address listed above or by phone at (435) 587-1519.

Sincerely,

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